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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE IN IOS/VESCO CASE

REF: STATE 143420

1. EMBOFF MET GENEVA JUGE D'INSTRUCTION WEBER AFTERNOON
AUG 2 TO DISCUSS SWISS OFFER MAKE GENEVA IOS INVESTI-
GATION FILE AVAILABLE USG. INVESTIGATION FILE CONSISTS
COLLECTED COMPLAINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS WHO HAVE
SUFFERED LOSSES IOS. NO INTERNAL IOS MATERIALS HAVE BEEN
ACQUIRED. WHEN ASKED RE THIS POINT WEBER REPLIED THAT COMPANY
ARCHIVES KEPT FERNEY-VOLTAIRE, NOT GENEVA, AND THUS NOT
AVAILABLE TO HIM. HOWEVER, HE ADDED FRENCH GOVT. HAD JUST
GRANTED PERMISSION INSPECT IOS FILES FERNEY-VOLTAIRE
AUG 6. HE PROMISED LOOK FOR INTERNAL DOCUMENTS SHOWING
FRAUD IN U.S. HOWEVER, HE PRINCIPALLY LOOKING FOR MASTER
LIST IOS INVESTORS.

2. WEBER PLANS VISIT U.S. FIRST WEEK OCT TO CONTINUE
HIS INVESTIGATION. WILL INTERVIEW FORMER IOS PRINCIPALS.
JAMES ROOSEVELT HAS AGREED TALK TO HIM. VESCO WAFFERING
BUT IF FINALLY AGREES WEBER WILL MEET HIM IN BAHAMAS.
OTHER INTERVIEWS UNCERTAIN. EMBASSY OFFERED ARRANGE MEETINGS
WASH WITH SEC OFFICIALS. WEBER ACCEPTED OFFER AND WILL
INFORM EMBASSY EXACT DATE HE WILL BE IN WASH. FYI WEBER
SPEAKS ONLY FRENCH. END FYI.

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3. IN DISCUSSION CORNFIED ARREST CASE (WHICH WEBER ALSO

HANDLING BUT STATES IS SEPARATE MATTER FROM IOS INVESTIGATION) WEBER SAID TIMING CORNFELD'S TRIAL UNCERTAIN. ASKED IF CORNFELD WOULD BE RELEASED ON BAIL WEBER REPLIED "NOT BEFORE GENEVA NOVEMBER ELECTIONS".

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WEBER IS INTELLIGENT, AMBITIOUS 35 YEAR OLD JUDGE. HE OBTAINED POSITION AS MEMBER SOCIALIST PARTY (GENEVA JUDICIAL POSTS APPORTIONED ON PARTY LINES) HAS RECENTLY WRITTEN ARTICLE IN LEFTIST INTELLECTUAL JOURNAL, DOMAINE PUBLIQUE, CALLING FOR STRICTER SANCTIONS ON MIDDLE-CLASS, WHITE COLLAR CRIMES. HE ABLE CONVINCE GENEVA AUTHORITIES FUND TRIP TO U.S. (WHICH VERY UNUSUAL) AND OBVIOUSLY INTENDS PURSUE MATTER FURTHER. UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT HE CAN DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFO GENEVA AREA SINCE IOS ARCHIVES HAVE PRESUMABLY BEEN PURGED ALL INCRIMINATING DOCUMENTS. HOWEVER, APPEARANCE KEEN INVESTIGATION MAY SUFFICE POLITICALLY. MOREOVER, DESPITE SWISS WARRANT FOR ARREST VESCO HIS EXTRADITION HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED FROM COSTA RICA AND BAHAMAS. WHEN ASKED ON THIS POINT WEBER ONLY REPLIED THAT IF U.S. UNABLE EXTRADITE SWITZERLAND ALSO UNLIKELY SUCCEED.
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